

REMARKS

This is a response to an Office Action mailed October 3, 2001 (Office Action). The Office Action has been reviewed, and in view of the foregoing amendments and following comments, reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims pending in the application are respectfully requested.

PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Applicants thank Examiners Cabeca and Tran for courtesies extended to Applicants' undersigned representative during a personal interview on December 13, 2001. At the interview, the Examiners and Applicants' undersigned representative discussed amending the independent claims to specify that a plurality of predefined frameset arrangements are displayed as objects to the user. The Examiners stated that such amendments would overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,266,684, to Kraus *et al.* (Kraus).

OBJECTIONS TO THE DRAWINGS

The drawings stand objected to because in Fig. 1 and Fig. 1A, elements 104a through 104d should be labeled with appropriate descriptive matter. Applicants submit herewith a Proposed Drawing Correction that includes descriptive matter for elements 104a-104d. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

THE SPECIFICATION

The Office Action states that “wherein” and “for example” should be avoided in an Abstract of the Disclosure. Applicants have amended the Abstract to remove the use of “wherein” and “for example” in the Abstract.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Independent claims 1, 8, 15, and 22 stand rejected as allegedly being anticipated by Kraus. Applicants respectfully traverse. As discussed above, Examiners Cabeca and Tran stated that amending the claims to specify that the plurality of predefined frameset arrangements are displayed as objects to a user would overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 8, 15, and 22 to recite “wherein the plurality of predefined frameset arrangements are displayed as objects to a user.” Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 8, 15, and 22 are allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

Dependent claims 1-7, 9-14, 16-21, and 23-28 depend from at least one of independent claims 1, 8, 15, and 22. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference or interview would advance prosecution of this application in any manner, the undersigned stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with filing this Response. In the event that it is determined that fees are due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0311.

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APPENDIX A

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO CLAIMS 1,8, 15, AND 22-28

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The Related Applications have been amended as follows:

Under the subheading "Related Applications," page 1, kindly replace the "Related Applications" paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

This application claims priority based on U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/112,204, entitled "System and Method for Customizing Workspace Using Custom Framesets," filed December 15, 1998. This application is also related to co-pending U.S. Patent Applications entitled, "System and Method for Customizing Workspace Using Custom Framesets," [Attorney Docket No. 52817.000096] Serial No. 09/337,419, filed [herewith] June 22, 1999 and "System and Method for Customizing Workspace Using Custom Framesets Specifying Content and Location," [Attorney Docket No. 52817.000098] Serial No. 98/337,420, filed [herewith] June 22, 1999.

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended as follows:

At page 16, lines 5 and 8:

A system, method, and computer readable medium creating a custom frameset within at least one non-based computer application. The system enables a user to customize a view containing a plurality of documents in frames, [wherein] the documents may include web documents and non-web documents, using predefined framesets. A graphical user interface may be provided that presents a user with various options relating to predefined framesets. The user may select one or more

options relating to[, for example,] various attributes of each frame within a predefined frameset including the number, size, and orientation, to customize the layout of the view. The user may then specify one or more attributes to be assigned to each frame. The predefined frameset may then be customized according to the user's selection(s). The options may also include enabling users to divide the view into individual frames. The user may also be presented with one or more graphical user interfaces which present the user with various options that may be customized for a particular view.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1, 8, 15, and 22-23 have been amended as follows:

1. **(AMENDED)** A system for enabling a user to create a frameset arrangement for a view comprising:

a predefined frameset arrangement presentation object that presents a plurality of predefined frameset arrangements to a user through a graphical user interface, wherein the plurality of predefined frameset arrangements are displayed as objects to a user;

a predefined frameset selection object that enables a user to select a predefined frameset arrangement through the graphical user interface; and

view presentation object that presents a view to the user having the predefined frameset arrangement selected.

8. **(AMENDED)** A system for enabling a user to create a frameset arrangement for a view comprising:

means for presenting a plurality of predefined frameset arrangements to a user through a graphical user interface, wherein the plurality of predefined frameset arrangements are displayed as objects to a user;

means for enabling a user to select a predefined frameset arrangement through a graphical user interface; and

means for presenting a view to the user having the selected predefined frameset arrangement.

15. **(AMENDED)** A method for enabling a user to create a frameset arrangement for a view comprising the steps of:

presenting a plurality of predefined frameset arrangements to a user through a graphical user interface, wherein the plurality of predefined frameset arrangements

are displayed as objects to a user;

enabling a user to select a predefined frameset arrangement through the graphical user interface; and

presenting a view to the user having the predefined frameset arrangement selected.

22. *(AMENDED)* A [computer usable] processor readable medium having [computer] processor readable [program] code embodied therein for causing a [computer] processor to enable a user to create a frameset arrangement for a view, the [computer readable program code] medium comprising:

[computer] processor readable [program] code for causing a [computer] processor to present a plurality of redefined frameset arrangements to a user through a graphical user interface, wherein the plurality of predefined frameset arrangements are displayed as objects to a user;

[computer] processor readable [program] code for causing a [computer] processor to enable a user to select a predefined frameset arrangement through the graphical user interface; and

[computer] processor readable [program] code for causing a [computer] processor to present a view to the user having the selected predefined frameset arrangement.

23. *(AMENDED)* The [computer usable] medium of claim 22, further comprising [computer] processor readable [program] code for causing a [computer] processor to enable a user to the number of frames in the predefined frameset arrangement.

24. *(AMENDED)* The [computer usable] medium of claim 23, wherein the [computer] processor readable [program] code for causing a [computer] processor to present a plurality of predefined frameset arrangements causes a [computer] processor to present predefined frameset arrangements having the number of frames specified

by the user.

25. **(AMENDED)** The [computer usable] medium of claim 22, wherein the [computer] processor readable code for causing a [computer] processor to present a plurality of predefined frameset arrangements causes a [computer] processor to present icons, each icon representing a predefined frameset arrangement.

26. **(AMENDED)** The [computer usable] medium of claim 25, wherein the [computer] processor readable code for causing a [computer] processor to enable a user to select a predefined frameset arrangement comprises code that enables the user to select the icon and thereby select the predefined frameset arrangement that the icon represents.

27. **(AMENDED)** The [computer usable] medium of claim 22, further comprising [computer] processor readable [program] code for causing a [computer] processor to specify the size of each frame.

28. **(AMENDED)** The [computer usable] medium of claim 22, further comprising [computer] processor readable [program] code for causing a [computer] processor to specify the location of each frame within the view.